

NEW CHIEFS

GREGORY BRANDENBURG

Beattyville Police Department

Gregory Brandenburg was appointed chief of the Beattyville Police Department on May 21. Brandenburg began his law enforcement career in July 2000 as a patrolman at the Beattyville Police Department, and moved through the ranks to become chief. He served two years with Appalachia HIDTA and two years with the Operation UNITE task force. His long-term goals are to become more involved in the community through community-oriented policing and improve and upgrade the department's equipment.

MICHAEL NUNLEY

Lynch Police Department

Michael Nunley was appointed chief of the Lynch Police Department on May 31. Nunley began his law enforcement career with the Pennington Gap Police Department in Virginia, and he has more than 11 years of law enforcement experience. He also served the Cumberland and Corbin police departments before coming to Lynch. Nunley attended Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap, Va., majoring in criminal justice. His long-term goals are to make the Lynch Police Department the most professional, well-respected and best agency in eastern Kentucky. He wants to create a positive image of the department, and looks forward to educating and keeping the community informed through community-oriented policing.

ANTHONY MAGGARD

Elkhorn Police Department

Anthony Maggard was appointed chief of the Elkhorn Police Department on June 6. Maggard has four years of law enforcement experience, and he began his law enforcement career at the Jenkins Police Department. He served as Elkhorn's interim chief for a few weeks before being named as chief. After graduating high

school, he joined the U.S. Army and served three years, including Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Since taking office, he has purchased cell phones for officer patrol. The theft rate has gone down and he is working to establish a good rapport with the local businesses. His long-term goals are to update department policy, participate in the KyOPS computerized program and begin work on a neighborhood watch program. Maggard would like to see the department become more involved in the community through community-oriented policing and move toward a more professional and progressive police department.

WALLY BRADY

Lebanon Police Department

Wally Brady was appointed chief of the Lebanon Police Department on June 13. Brady retired from the Lebanon Police Department in 2003 having served 27 years, and his entire career was spent at Lebanon. Brady returned to Lebanon as a school resource officer and served as assistant chief for 15 months before being named chief. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with an associate's degree in police administration. Brady looks forward to the department becoming more involved in the community and seeing his officers get out of the cars and talk to citizens in Lebanon. He would also like to enhance the DARE program and create a block-watch program.

KEVIN HIGDON

Shively Police Department

Kevin Higdon was appointed chief of the Shively Police Department on July 1. Higdon began his law enforcement career at the Shively Police Department and has served there nine years. He graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. His primary goal is to make sure his department does not become stagnant and complacent where they are, but instead strives to move forward in adapting to the 21st century.

KSP Announces Top Trooper, CVE Officer of the Year

The Kentucky State Police announced the 2010 Trooper of the Year and Commercial Vehicle Officer of the Year.

Smithland resident Sr. Tpr. Thomas J. Williams was named 2010 Trooper of the Year. A nine-year KSP veteran, he is assigned to Post 1 in Mayfield.

As the leader of the Post 1 highway drug interdiction team, Williams seized \$45,918 in cash and confiscated significant quantities of marijuana, prescription narcotics, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, synthetic marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms.

Warsaw resident Officer Emily R. Horton was named the 2010 Jason Cammack Officer of the Year for the KSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. A three-year veteran of the division, Horton serves as a CVE Officer I in Region 3 based in Georgetown.

Officer Horton maintained a high level of activity in 2010, completing 1,050 vehicle inspections, issuing 528 commercial citations and 492 non-commercial citations and making 24 arrests.

KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer praised the honorees.

"We salute all those who have chosen a life of service," Brewer said. "They make a real difference in the lives of the citizen's of Kentucky every day."

